

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:      Noriaki KATO, Hiroshi NAGANO, Kaori TANIKO and  
Takahito JOMORI

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For:              PROPHYLACTIC OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR DIABETIC  
MACULOPATHY

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.